

BAY MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2009

10 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Child care available



“LIVING THE FAITH”

The Adult Studies Ministry of Bay United Methodist Church is pleased to announce that Plain Dealer religion columnist and sports writer, Terry Pluto, is the first speaker in our “**Living the Faith**” speaker series. On Thursday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. Terry will be speaking at our church on the subject of how he “lives the faith” with an expected question and answer time afterward. Plan to attend, and bring a friend.

BAY UNITED METHODIST BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

The Bay Methodist Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 29, at 7 p.m. for a one-evening discussion of *Change of Heart* by Jody Picoult. This book is as provocative as *The Shack* was this summer. The group is open to anyone who is interested. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 22, 7 p.m.

Come and return thanks for all of God's goodness and grace given so freely and amply to all of us. The Chancel Choir will participate, and Rev. Bill's sermon will be, “**What, Me Worry?**”

FINANCE MINISTRY

2009 YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/09	\$ 27
Receipts (See note below)	+317,631
Expenses year-to-date	<u>-342,879</u>
Net Receipts Shortfall	\$(25,248)
Transfer from ENDOWMENT	
Spendable Interest	<u>\$ 29,365</u>
Ending Balance 7/31/09	<u>\$ 4,117</u>

NOTE: Receipts include \$30,307 in prepaid pledges for 2009.

As you can see, our current rate of giving is not covering our expenses. The church's leadership has kept spending well below plan, but we have still had to draw all of our Endowment Spendable Interest to keep our bills current. *As a result, at our current rate of giving, we will soon have to start drawing on our line of credit to make it through year end.*

You will soon be receiving your statements of giving as of September. Please review them, and if you are behind, would you please consider catching up? For those who are current, THANK YOU for your continued generosity and support of Bay UMC's ministry in these difficult financial times.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

CIRCLE OF HOPE

November 8
7 p.m.
Parlor

Liz Beasley, a Quaker writer and collector of stories, joins us again, bringing an opportunity to discuss all things spiritual. We will read a true story, "The Tornado and the Meetinghouse," as a starting point for discussion.

"Stories act as portals to our own lives, through which we catch a glimpse of the workings of spirit. This story, in particular, offers an opportunity to look at the intersection of witness, spiritual development, and community responsibility. It is also just a great story!"

Some may remember that Liz and her husband, William, joined us for an evening on Quakerism last year. We had fun re-discovering some of our spiritual and religious roots and remembering stories from our own lives.

All are welcome!

KNICKERBOCKER THANKSGIVING

Residents of the Knickerbocker really look forward to Thanksgiving because they love the dinner provided by BUMC. In order to continue our service to them help is needed with the following. Can you provide food items or a few hours of help?

Food, etc.

Prepared/baked turkeys, potatoes, frozen peas, cranberry sauce, prepared/baked sweet potatoes, baked pies (pumpkin, apple), Cool Whip, milk and butter, coffee and tea, fruit cocktail, rolls, paper products (napkins, dessert plates, hot cups, clear cups), flowers or plants for tables.

Preparation:

Set tables, prepare peas, potatoes, fruit cocktail, carve turkeys, prepare gravy

Serving:

Prepare and serve dinner plates, take meals to shut-ins, dish up and serve pie, serve gravy, rolls, coffee and tea.

Clean up:

Clear plates, wash and put away dishes, pots and pans, clear tables.

There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex beginning November 1. You can also call Mary Jones, 440-933-699, or Ann Rich, 440-333-3160. We welcome ALL servants to sign up for something. It's a fun and rewarding experience. The meal is at noon, so you have time to do your own Thanksgiving meal later in the day.



SARAH RUTH CIRCLE

Wednesday, November 18
9:30 a.m.
Parlor

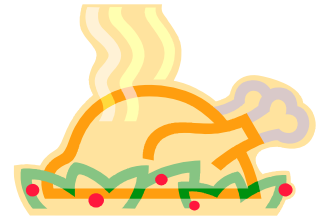
Program:

The World Thank Offering
Evelyn Zweifel,
Karen Cooper, Arlene
Johnson



LYDIA CIRCLE

Tuesday, November 24
7 p.m.
Parlor



“THE WORD IN NOVEMBER”

November 1

All Saints Day
 Sacrament of Communion
 The Roll of the Honored Dead
 Isaiah 25:6-9—God will reveal himself on his holy mountain
 John 11:32-44—Jesus raises Lazarus from death
 Message: **“For All The Saints”**

November 8

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
 I Samuel 1:4-20—Eli grants Hannah’s prayer for a son
 I Samuel 2:1-10—Hannah’s Song of Praise
 Message: **“God and the Top 40”**

November 15

Stewardship Consecration Sunday
 Psalm 127—Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain
 Mark 12:38-44—The woman with the two copper coins
 Message: **“This Old House”**

November 22

The Reign of Christ the King
 Revelation 1:4b-8—Greetings from the Alpha and Omega
 John 18:33-37—Pilate asks, “Are you a King?”
 Message: **“A Question of Identity”**

November 22, 7:30 p.m., Thanksgiving Service

Psalm 126—A prayer for deliverance from national misfortune
 Matthew 6:25-33—Do not worry about tomorrow
 Message: **“What, Me Worry?”**

November 29

First Sunday of Advent
 Jeremiah 33:14-16—I will cause a righteous branch to spring up
 Luke 21:25-36—Signs of the end times
 Message: **“Promises, Promises”**



THANKSGIVING OUTREACH



The Near West Food & Family Center will be passing out groceries on **Monday, November 23**. They count on the group from our church help with this important project. If you would like to be part of this outreach event, call Cyndy Monjot, 440-930-2321, for information and to sign up.

Thanksgiving

SAVE THE DATE!!!!



FIESTA FLING
Sunday, November 8

11:00 a.m.—Hors d'oeuvres

11:30 a.m.—Fiesta Concert
(featuring fun, light music)

12:15 p.m.—Fiesta Meal



- ♦ *Fun for the whole family*
- ♦ *Babysitting for children 5 years old and younger*
- ♦ *Free-will offering to benefit the Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland*



RSVP by November 1

- ♦ *on the attendance pad -- or*
- ♦ *call church office, 440-871-2082 -- or*
- ♦ *e-mail carolsue_bumc@sbcglobal.net*

ADULT STUDIES MINISTRY

We are continuing the “**Eclipsing Empire**” series on Sunday mornings in the Parlor at 8:30. We follow two Bible scholars as they lead a tour of Paul’s journey through the Roman Empire, see some of the places where he visited and supported young Christian churches, and hear fascinating new insights into the meaning of Christ’s resurrection and Paul’s message. This series will continue through most of November until our Advent study begins.

The **FaithLink** class meets on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. There we discuss topics of current national and international interest in the light of Christ’s teachings and the positions taken by Methodist governing bodies.

We are currently reviewing an Advent study based on arias and choruses from the Christmas

portion of Handel’s “Messiah.” Another study under review is a part of the “Sisters” series and will be of special interest to women.

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NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, November 15

4:30 p.m.

RSVP to Bob Kirkpatrick

440-871-2082

bob_bumc@sbcglobal.net

GO PAPERLESS —

GET THE MESSENGER ON LINE!

Because we are actively striving to be good stewards and due to the increasing cost of publishing the *MESSENGER*, we encourage you to view the *MESSENGER* from our website.

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*An Abundance
of Thanks*



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

November 26 and 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

PLEASE NOTIFY

THE CHURCH OFFICE

of any birth, death, marriage, hospitalization, change of address, or change of email address

Celebration Sunday Is Coming

November 15th

During morning worship on Celebration Sunday we will be asking the congregation to make their financial commitment to our church's missionary, benevolent and education ministries for the coming year.

Immediately following worship, we will be hosting a Potluck Lunch. Main dish and beverages will be provided. You are asked to bring the following based upon your last name:

- A to H Bring a Side Dish
- I to R Bring a Dessert
- S to Z Bring a Salad.

You will hear more about Celebration Sunday in the weeks to come. Please take a moment to make a Potluck reservation via the attendance pad in worship, calling the church office (440-871-2082) or emailing the church office (bayumc@sbcglobal.net). We look forward to seeing you on November 15th.

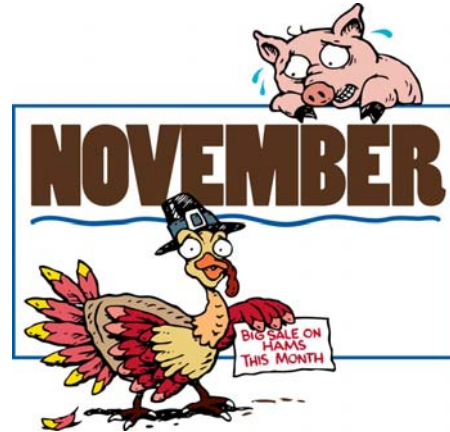


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